



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1173

LCO No. 4342

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:

(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF CIGARETTES BELOW COST.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-326b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) No distributor or dealer shall, with intent to injure competitors
4 or destroy or substantially lessen competition, sell cigarettes in this
5 state below cost and no distributor or dealer shall, with intent to injure
6 competitors or destroy or substantially lessen competition, buy
7 cigarettes in this state below cost.

8 (b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be an unfair or
9 deceptive act or practice pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42-110b.

10 Sec. 2. Section 12-326g of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

12 (a) Any dealer violating any provision of sections 12-326a to 12-
13 326h, inclusive, shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars
14 for the first offense and not more than five hundred dollars for each

15 subsequent offense. Each sale of a carton of cigarettes in violation of
16 subsection (a) of section 12-326b, as amended by this act, shall
17 constitute a separate offense.

18 (b) Any distributor violating any provision of sections 12-326a to 12-
19 326h, inclusive, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars for
20 the first offense, not more than five thousand dollars for the second
21 offense, and not more than ten thousand dollars for each subsequent
22 offense. Each sale of a carton of cigarettes in violation of subsection (a)
23 of section 12-326b, as amended by this act, shall constitute a separate
24 offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	12-326b
Sec. 2	July 1, 2007	12-326g

Statement of Purpose:

To increase penalties for below cost sales of cigarettes by distributors and dealers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]